Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— I believe the House itself was satisfied. Government have redoubled their efforts to use persuasion and they are still hopeful that with the passage of time increasing numbers will come into the schools. Certain changes with regard to the staff have been suggested to get more influential men—people who belong to the locality—and they will also be tried in the ensuing year and Government are still hopeful that without actual compulsion, a very decent number of children of school-going age will be actually drawn into the schools.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— May I know how long this rule will be in existence?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Does not the Government recognise that this expenditure for 38 children is a waste of public funds?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— Does the Hon'ble Member suggest that classes should work half-time? It is possible. But at present considering the backwardness of the locality the Government are of opinion that it is in the best interests of primary education to have one teacher for one class, although the strength may not be all that can be desired.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— With a view to bring a sufficiently large number to each of these classes will the Government seriously consider the question of introducing compulsion at least in that area?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— I am afraid that does not arise.

Public Works—1111 and 1112—provision for.

242. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the works provided for in the budget of 1111 and 1112 and which have not been started with the estimated amount for each work;

(2) the works that have been undertaken in 1111 and 1112 for which provision has not been made in the original budget?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—A list of such works is placed on the table.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—May I know why that list has not been printed so that the information may be available to all Members of the Council. I find from the list that very large amounts are not spent for works which have been budgetted for and larger amounts are spent for works not provided for in the budget. Scant courtesy seems to have been shown to the budget.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The list is rather very long and so I did not think it necessary to have it printed in the proceedings. But the Member is wrong when he says that a large number of works had not been taken up which have been budgetted for in the years 1111 and 1112. In the year 1112 we have only 2 such works which had not been taken up and that one was for putting up a groyne at Ochanthuruthu. In fact a groyne was actually put up at Andikkadavu. And the other was for painting the elevated tank at Chowara and it costs only Rs. 150. So, only Rs. 150 worth of work has not been taken up.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—That is in 1112. What about 1111? 11 works have not been taken up and you find works to the tune of Rs. 2½ lakhs have been taken up which were not provided for in the budget. New works, not provided in the budget to the tune of Rs. 2½ lakhs have been taken up. And do you think that those lists are very useful?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The list is certainly useful, but it is rather long.

Aerodrome—location of.

243. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have fixed the site for the Aerodrome;

(2) what will be the probable cost of the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—(1) & (2) The site for the Aerodrome has not been fixed.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—What is the idea of Government, is it for passenger service or mail service?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—For All purposes.

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